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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES MORE THAN \$170,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO – The cities of Lincoln and Roseville may face penalties of \$99,000 and \$63,000 respectively for numerous violations of permitted effluent limits at their municipal wastewater treatment plants.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider penalizing both cities at the Board's December meeting. Lincoln faces \$99,000 in Maximum Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for illegal discharges which occurred between March 14, 2003 and April 30, 2008 at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The effluent limitations were violated for aluminum, copper, lead, residual chlorine, total coliform organisms, and total suspended solids. The plant discharges into Auburn Ravine, a tributary to the East Side Canal, which is a tributary to the Natomas Cross Canal, which flows to the Sacramento River

Roseville may be required to pay \$63,000 in penalties for effluent limitation violations that happened between Jan 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2007. The discharged effluent was beyond approved limits for ammonia, cadmium, chlorine residual, total coliform organisms, and turbidity. The Regional Board originally issued an order with higher penalties to Roseville in June, but additional information provided by the city indicated that there fewer violations than previously cited. Discharges from Roseville's Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant go into Dry Creek, which is a tributary to Pleasant Creek, a tributary to the Natomas Cross Canal which flows into the Sacramento River

Other dischargers that may be subject to penalties at the December Board meeting are the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Nimbus Salmon and Steehead Hatchery and American River Trout Hatchery, and Tsar Nicoulai Caviar, LLC, Tsar Nicoulai Sturgeon Farm, Wilton, both in Sacramento County and Mountain House Community Services District in San Joaquin County.

DFG faces penalties of \$9,000 for violating effluent limits for dissolved oxygen, pH, total dissolved solids, and total suspended solids. The violations occurred between July 1, 2000 and April 30, 2008. Nimbus and American River fish hatcheries discharge into the American River.

Tsar Nicoulai Caviar, LLC, faces a \$3,000 penalty for effluent limitation violations of iron and

manganese at the Tsar Nicoulai Sturgeon Farm, which occurred from June 24, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2007. Tsar Nicoulai Sturgeon Farm discharges into a tributary of the Cosumnes River.

The Mountain House Community Services District may be penalized \$3,000 for violating its effluent limitations for pH between from March 13, 2007 through Jan. 31, 2008. Mountain House discharges into Old River, which is part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for assessment of the MMPS pursuant to the California Water Code.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources and may consider all the Complaints at its regular public board meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.